



Proclamation

WHEREAS, all children need love, support, security, and a place to call home; and

WHEREAS, in the state of Louisiana, more than 4500 children live away from their birth families in substitute care; and

WHEREAS, more than 450 of these children cannot return to their birth families; and

WHEREAS, children are the treasures of the American family and have a right to grow up in a loving family; and

WHEREAS, all children are entitled to grow and develop in a family that can meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, nearly all of these children have special needs because of physical, mental, or emotional disabilities, because they must be placed as a sibling group, because they are minorities, or because they are older; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2004-2005, 447 children in Foster Care in Louisiana were placed into adoptive families; and

WHEREAS, there are families able and willing to adopt children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, children waiting for adoptive parents, and families who have adopted these children require and deserve community and public agency support.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim
November 2005, as

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

[Signature]
Secretary of State

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 2nd day of November
A.D., 2005

[Signature]
Governor of Louisiana